

06 September 2011

Dear Parents

Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park 10/14 October 2011

As part of our current work on energy and sustainability, Year 9 pupils are to carry out investigative work at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Year 9 will undertake this work in two groups, as follows:

Group 1	Pupils in 9S, U, W and Y	Monday 10 October 2011
Group 2	Pupils in 9T, V, X and Z	Friday 14 October 2011

The pupils will spend the morning collecting data from locations within Queen Elizabeth Country Park and these figures will then be used in follow up work at school. The associated data presentation and analysis will serve as excellent preparation for their future studies. The second objective is to learn more about options for sustainable living and this will be delivered by the specialist education team at Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

The study of energy, climate change and renewable technologies provides a great opportunity for a cross-curricular link between the Geography and Physics Departments and pupils will be further exploring the design and efficiency of wind turbines through a workshop to be held in school by the Physics Department.

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Year 9 Geography fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Pupil Name _____

Please return this slip to your child's Geography teacher: CG JMH JPB HES FJN SLS

My son/daughter would like to attend the Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

Please circle the relevant teaching group:

Group 1: Monday 10 October 2011 9S 9U 9W 9Y

Group 2: Friday 14 October 2011 9T 9V 9X 9Z

***Please add the cost of the trip (£12) to my school account / * I enclose a cheque for £12*(Made payable to the Portsmouth Grammar School with your child's name printed on the reverse)**

*Please delete as appropriate

Transport to the Queen Elizabeth Country Park will be by coach. We will leave school at 0905, immediately after morning registration and we will return to school by 1600. Pupils must wear practical clothes, ensuring that they are adequately equipped for all weather conditions. This includes:

- **Sturdy footwear** – trainers with grip, wellingtons or walking boots are acceptable
- **Waterproof jacket**, suitable for a downpour rather than a shower
- **Long trousers** to protect legs from bracken and brambles - no jeans or shorts
- Jumper / fleece (the weather can change very quickly)
- Sun cream and sunhat
- Notebook and pencils (Biros don't work in the rain!)
- A clear plastic bag to sit on / write in
- Packed lunch and snacks for whole day
- Plenty of water (1 litre minimum)
- Pupils may wish to bring a small amount of money to spend in the Visitor Centre shop
- A small rucksack

In order to ensure enjoyment and safety for the group as a whole, we cannot allow a pupil to attend this trip if they do not bring with them the equipment highlighted above. Their Geography teacher will specifically check that they have a waterproof jacket, long trousers and proper shoes with them before they get on the coach at the start of the day and it may mean a pupil is disappointed if they are not allowed to attend because of inadequate protection.

The total cost for the day is £12 which includes the cost of coach transport and a small charge for the use of facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park Visitor Centre. Please return the two consent forms attached. If there are any problems or queries concerning these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me at school j.howlett@pgs.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Howlett
Teacher of Geography

Parental Consent and Information Form

This completed consent/information form must be with the Trip Leader by the date specified in the covering letter, otherwise the pupil will be unable to be included in the party.

Title of Trip:	Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park	Date:	10or 14 October 2011
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Pupil Details			
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Pupil's full name:		Date of birth:	
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Home address and contact address (if different):

In an emergency I can be contacted as follows:	Home Tel:		Work Tel:	
	Mobile:		email	

If not available, please contact the following person:		Tel:	
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Medical Information: Please tick Yes or No for each question and give details for each 'Yes'			
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Does your child:	NO	YES	DETAILS
suffer from any allergy to food, medication, fur, bee sting etc.?			
currently receive treatment for or take any medication for or suffer from any medical condition?			
carry an inhaler, epipen, insulin kit or other? If yes, please ensure that a second labelled inhaler, epipen etc. is given to the Trip Leader for safe keeping.			
have any special dietary requirements?			
suffer from vertigo (fear of heights)?			
suffer from travel or motion sickness?			
Is there any physical activity your child may not participate in?			

Please Turnover

		NO	YES	DETAILS
Has your child had any recent illness or injury? If yes, please give details of what and when.				
Has your child had a tetanus injection in the last 10 years?				
Contact details for doctor: Name:	Address:		Tel:	
Please add any additional information you may consider the school should know. Please feel free to contact the Trip Leader if you would like to discuss particular needs more fully.				
Please ensure that you inform the Trip Leader of any changes to this information before the start of the trip.				
Conduct during the Trip				
<p>Pupils are expected to obey instructions given by the staff of any establishment visited, and activity instructors, as well as teachers. Normal school rules apply. In the very unlikely event that a pupil fails to comply, staff reserve the right to remove a pupil from a trip and make arrangements for their return home at parents' expense. In this situation no refund of trip fees would be payable.</p> <p>Pupils are expected to take responsibility of all belongings, especially valuables, in accordance with arrangements specific to the trip. These are not covered by the school insurance policy.</p>				
Consent Declaration				
<p>I, being the parent/guardian of the child named at the head of this form, give consent for him/her to attend the proposed activity.</p> <p>I have read and understood the expected code of conduct and agree that my son or daughter will abide by these instructions.</p> <p>I realise that in some cases the activities offered have some risk involved which may be of a type not encountered during normal life and that this risk whilst small, cannot be eliminated without making the activity pointless. Portsmouth Grammar School has done its utmost to minimise and manage these risks.</p> <p>I give consent for him/her to receive emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic and/or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by any medical doctor present, should the need arise. I have informed the school of all medical conditions or treatments that he/she suffers from or requires to maintain health. I agree to inform the group leader of any change in medical condition.</p> <p>I am aware that the school has a detailed policy on the safe running of educational visits, which can viewed on the school website.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Signature and date: _____</p> <p>Relationship to child: _____</p> <p>Please return the signed form to the Trip Leader</p>				